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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION**

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INVENTION: "PUBLIC KEY CERTIFICATE USING SYSTEM, PUBLIC KEY  
CERTIFICATE USING METHOD, INFORMATION PROCESSING  
APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM PROVIDING MEDIUM"

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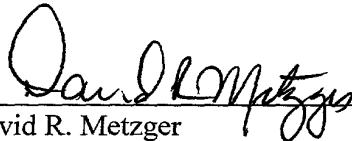
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Between the title and the heading "Background of the Invention" on page 1, insert the  
following:

--RELATED APPLICATION DATA

The present application claim\$ priority to Japanese Application(s) No(s). P2000-264521  
filed August 31, 2000, which application(s) is/are incorporated herein by reference to the extent  
permitted by law.--

Respectfully submitted,



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